

LOVELL GENERAL HOSPITAL  
FORT DEVENS, MASS.May 2, 1942  
9:15 p.m.

Dear Norman,

Well how do you like Army life?  
Does it come up to your expectations  
or is it lower than you estimated?  
I suppose you have to drill all  
day with your sore arms.

I received a letter from ma  
to-day. She told me your address.  
Are you able to see Ray? Some of  
the fellows here say Camp Lee  
isn't too far from Weymouth. Perhaps  
you won't be able to see Ray  
right away though. Don't you  
have to stay in a certain length  
of time?

I will get your pictures Monkey  
and send them over to ma. I had  
to take them to the PX to have  
them developed.

Everything is just the same here  
at Fort Devens. Troops move in  
and troops move out. So goes  
it!

Bud sent me a recording  
of his voice. It doesn't sound  
too much like him though  
except in some parts.

It is now quarter of twelve  
and we just came back from

③ supper. We have the awfulest meals  
on nights. Regular swill! I like  
nights very much though only one  
can't do much at all.

The other day I got up early and  
we went into Petching in Rath  
Selby's car. She is one of the  
misses who came in with us.  
It was wonderful, we had the  
top down and Pass and another  
kid was in the rumble seat.  
We went to the old Oyster Bar. It  
is a very quaint old place, built  
after a 16th century inn. The  
man who originated it made it  
after the style of various old  
places in Europe. The candle scones  
a knight in armour and all that.  
It is very nice; there is an oyster  
bar, a cocktail lounge and a place  
to dance. We had a sandwich  
and a couple of Singapore Slings.  
The sailors drink you know, to  
celebrate our one month in the  
army.

Thursday we got paid and of  
course Friday morning Selby and I  
rode down to the bank in Ayer  
to get our checks cashed. We  
received \$88.00 but 18 of it has to  
be put in for our mess funds but  
then we are supposed to only get  
\$70 a month.

I splurged and bought a camera  
too. A Kodak, \$6.95. It is something.

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like the one Jesse gave you!  
I shall be able to take some  
good pictures of the place around  
here now.

Yesterday afternoon we had to go  
down and have our pictures  
taken for our new identification  
passes which will have our  
fingerprints and all. They stuck a  
board with our full name on  
it and Sec Lt. G. W. C. under our  
chins then snapped it. I imagine  
it will be just like a hideous  
passport picture perhaps worse. We  
were driven down in ambulances.  
All in all I didn't sleep much  
if any last night yesterday only.  
I slept  $3\frac{1}{4}$  hr so this morning  
I couldn't keep my eyes open.  
It was awful!

My ward isn't very busy just  
now. We have 28 patients and  
12 went out on pass over the  
week-end. It is very dead  
around here week-ends - everyone  
who can gets out of the tent  
do so.

What is the Virginia weather  
like down there now? You  
ought to have summer uniforms  
oughtn't you. It should be warm  
enough!



I didn't get much mail this past week. Should be hearing from Ray soon.

We have been having beautiful weather every day this past week and the nights have been gorgeous, full moon, bright stars and warm night.

So you and Helen tried to get married. You should have a little sooner. Maybe when you are in the Army it won't take as long. But wants to get married but Ray doesn't like the idea of her having to support herself with him in the Navy. But wants to get married when he comes home on furlough in July, but I wouldn't be able to stay in the A.N.C. if I were married and I kind of like it now - so there you are!

Well, I must write a letter to Ma to-night. She has to register people for sugar rationing down at the school all next week from 2-5. She said Marguerite Libran's husband got your job and also that Arthur Delorme Pas' crippled brother died in East Hampton. They were going to his funeral. Write soon.  
Love Mary.